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AMEMBASSY MANILA

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FOR SN/M

MANILA FOR DEA

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: GOA REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO VISITOR

1. GOA CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT IS ABOUT TO PURCHASE FROM HAWKER DE HAVILLAND AUSTRALIA A FLEET OF FAST PATROL BOATS FOR COASTAL PATROL PRIMARILY IN NORTHERN AUSTRALIA. THEY WOULD APPRECIATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A HAWKER DE HAVILLAND DESIGNER WHO WILL BE CONCERNED WITH DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THESE PATROL CRAFT TO CONSULT WITH APPROPRIATE U.S. COAST GUARD OFFICIALS RESPECTING THE DESIGN, USE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF SUCH SMALL CRAFT.

2. THE DESIGNER IN QUESTION IS J.R. MARSH, DEPUTY CORPORATE CHIEF DESIGNER, HAWKER DE HAVILLAND AUSTRALIA. MARSH, AGE 44, HAS LONG, DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN AERONAUTICAL, MARINE AND DEFENSE ENGINEERING IN AUSTRALIA AND U.K.

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3. EMBASSY IS INFORMED MARSH IS CURRENTLY IN CANADA

AND WILL BE IN TORONTO AT HAWKER DE HAVILLAND CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS THROUGH MARCH 15. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER HE WILL BE IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR SEVERAL DAYS ENROUTE TO AUSTRALIA.

4. SPECIFICALLY, DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE HAS INQUIRED WHETHER ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE FOR MARSH TO CONSULT IN SAN FRANCISCO OR ELSEWHERE ON WEST COAST DURING WEEK OF MARCH 17 WITH APPROPRIATE U.S. COAST GUARD OFFICIALS. HE WISHES TO DISCUSS VARIOUS QUESTIONS OF SMALL PATROL CRAFT DESIGN AND CAPABILITY.

5. WHILE THIS PROJECT IS OVERALL PROJECT OF AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, IT IS MATTER OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO AUSTRALIAN NARCOTICS BUREAU THROUGH WHICH THIS REQUEST RECEIVED BY EMBASSY. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE SN/M EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF MEETING THIS REQUEST WITH APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON OFFICES. DEPARTMENT MAY EITHER CONTACT MARSH IN TORONTO OR ROUTE RESPONSE VIA EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE IN CANBERRA.

6. IF ARRANGEMENTS MADE DIRECTLY WITH MARSH IN TORONTO, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE OF ACTION TAKEN IN ORDER TO ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OF OUTCOME.
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